

**Appl. No. 10/034,718
Amdt. dated May 16, 2005
Reply to final Office action of February 23, 2005**

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have received the final Office action dated February 23, 2005, in which the Examiner: 1) rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph as indefinite; 2) rejected claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-10, 12, 13, and 23-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by *Narita et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 5,465,039); 3) rejected claims 15-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over *Narita* in view of the admitted prior art; 4) rejected claims 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over *Narita* in view of the admitted prior art and further in view of *Inoue* (U.S. Pat. No. 6,748,547); and 5) allowed claims 4, 7, 11, and 14.

Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 4, 7, 11, and 14. With this Response, Applicants cancel claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-10, 12, 13, and 15-26. Applicants cancel these claims to expedite issuance of the allowed claims, and not as an admission as to the correctness of the Examiner's rejections. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the remaining claims (4, 7, 11, and 14) are in condition for allowance.

I. INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants acknowledge an interview with the Examiner on April 22, 2005, for which the Examiner subsequently prepared a summary of the interview. Applicants agree that this summary accurately represents the substance of the discussions during the interview.

II. CONCLUSION

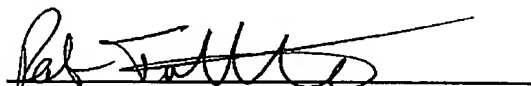
In the course of the foregoing discussions, Applicants may have at times referred to claim elements in shorthand fashion, or may have focused on a particular claim element. This discussion should not be interpreted to mean that the other elements can be ignored or dismissed. The claims must be viewed as a whole, and each element of the claims must be considered when determining the patentability of the claims.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying

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this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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